# 2014 Merit Review: EPAct State and Alternative Fuel Provider Fleets

"Alternative Fuel Transportation Program"

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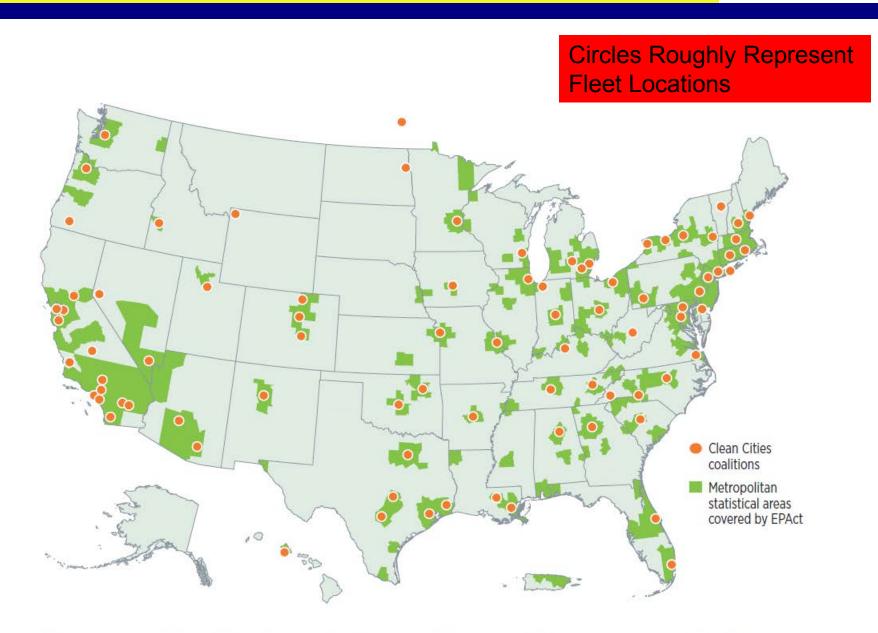
#### **Outline**

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## Background on Program

- Energy Policy Act (EPAct) of 1992 Required DOE to establish an Alternative Fuel Transportation Program
  - Primary purpose to promote Replacement/Alternative Fuels through the acquisition of light-duty AFVs
- Regulatory Process Initiated in 1994
- Mandatory Compliance Started in Model Year (MY) 1997
- Annually ~300 State and Alternative Fuel Provider (SFP)
   Entities Must Meet Annual Requirements

#### SFP Fleets



EPAct-regulated fleets and Clean Cities coalitions are located in many of the same areas.<sup>3</sup>

#### Overview

#### Timeline

- Ongoing Regulatory Compliance Program
- Arising from EPAct 1992
- With Subsequent Legislative Amendments
  - Energy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (ECRA)
  - EPAct 2005
  - Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA)

#### Budget

- Funding in FY13 (\$1.8M)
- Funding in FY14 (\$1.7 M)

## Relevance: Objectives

- Petroleum Reduction and Replacement
- Implement the EPAct Alternative Fuels Transportation Program
  - Ensure Compliance with Regulatory Requirements for ~300 Fleets
  - Interpret/Analyze Legislative Requirements
  - Collect, Store, and Analyze Data Covered Fleets Submit to Comply with EPAct SFP Requirements
- Encourage/Empower Fleets to Go Beyond Standard Compliance Requirements to Reduce Petroleum Use
- Partnering with Clean Cities & Federal Fleet Programs

#### Milestones/Activities

- Annual Reporting (12/31/13)
- Exemptions and Exclusions
- Interpretative Rulings
- Documentation
- Rulemaking (3/14)
- Alternative Fuel Designation Petitions
- Reports
- Outreach

## Approach/Strategy

- Strong Focus on Ensuring Fleet Compliance
  - Flexible Options
  - Enhanced Outreach and Education
  - Working with Deficient Fleets
- Documentation
- Online Tools and Decision Support
- Regulation Modification/Update

- Regulatory Process
  - EISA Section 133 Final Rule
    - Reporting Requirements
    - Exemptions
    - Credits
    - Revision of Database
  - Drafting Alternative Compliance Revisions
  - Revising Current Regulatory Language

# Compliance/Enforcement

- Standard Compliance 2013
- Alternative Compliance 2013
- Identified Additional Covered Fleets
- Site Visits
- Enforcement Plan

#### Administration

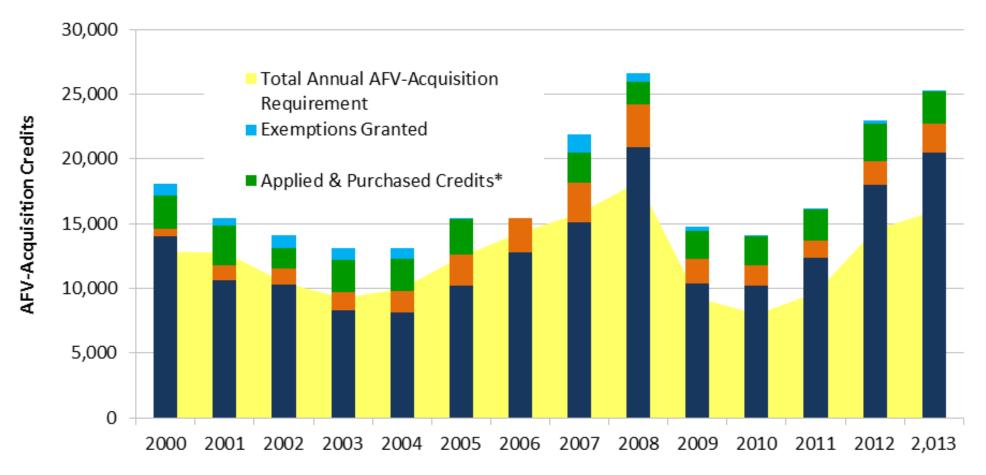
- Addressed Policy Positions
- Addressed Interpretive Rulings
- Implementing Program's Document Disposition
   Schedule
- Standard Operating Procedures Documentation
- Upgrading Program Database

#### Outreach & Assistance

- Revamping Online Standard Compliance Annual Reporting Tool
- Offering Online Exemption Request Tool
- Continuing EPAct Stakeholder & Fuel Retailer
   Workshops
- Building Alternative Compliance Annual Reporting
   Tool
- Piloting FleetDASH for State Fleet

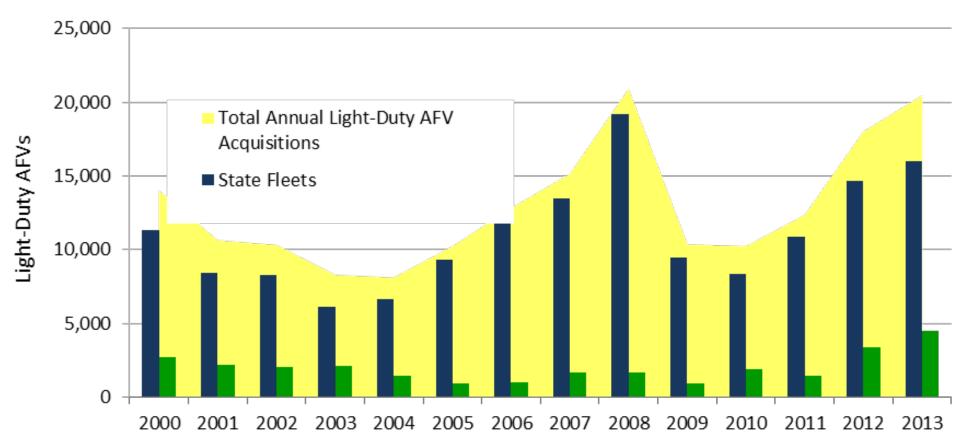
- Deployment of Various Vehicle Technologies Via:
  - Standard Compliance
  - Alternative Compliance
- 40-50 million Gasoline Gallon Equivalents (GGE)
- 100% Compliance

#### **Standard Compliance Methods**

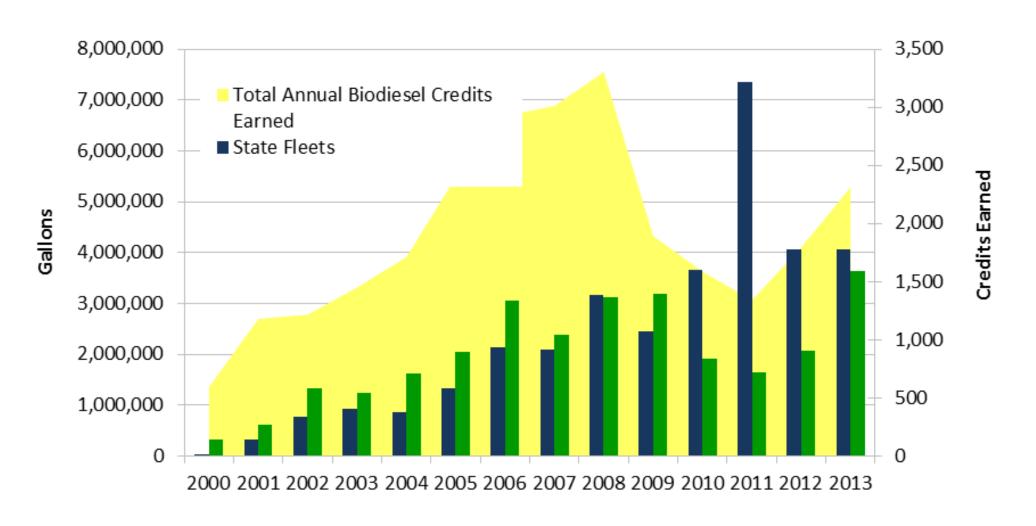


\*Purchased credits can be banked for future use.

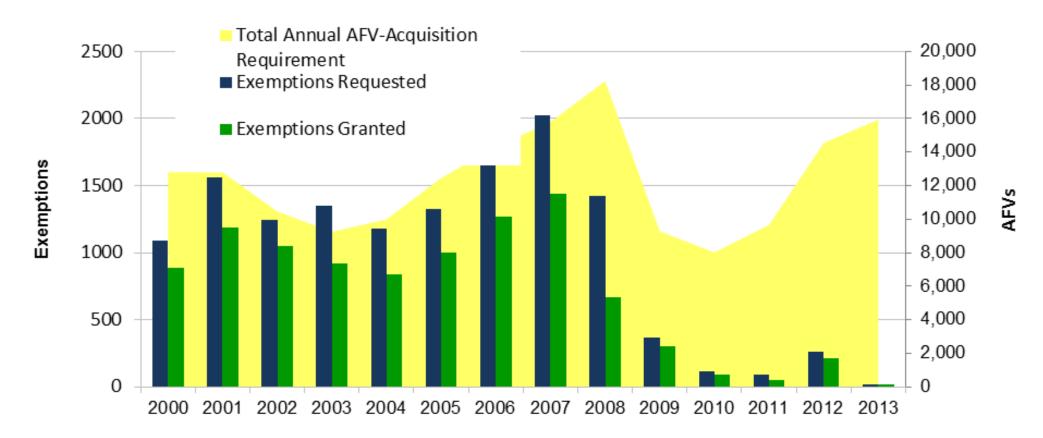
#### **Light-Duty AFV Acquisitions**



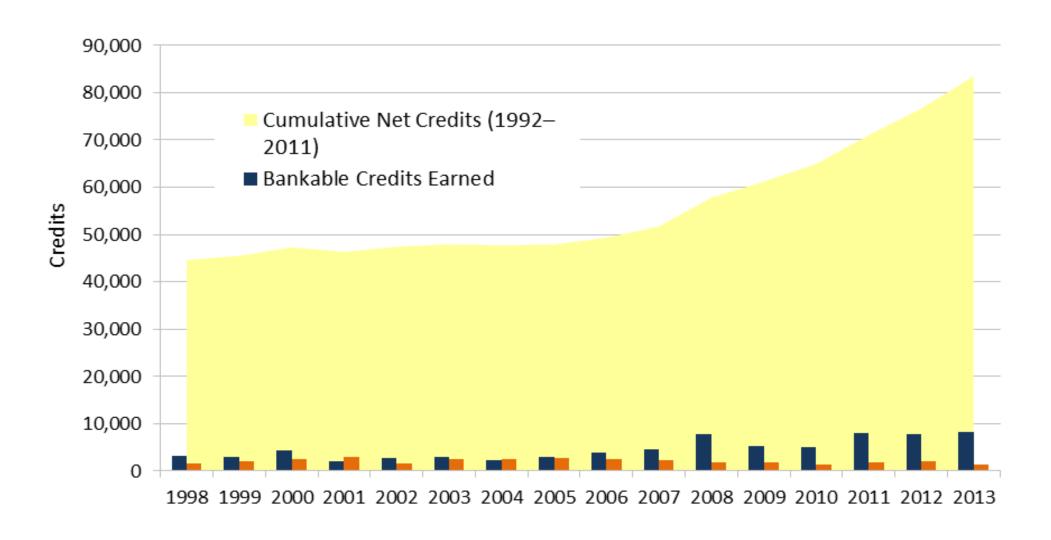
#### Annual Biodiesel (B100) Use and Biodiesel Credits Earned



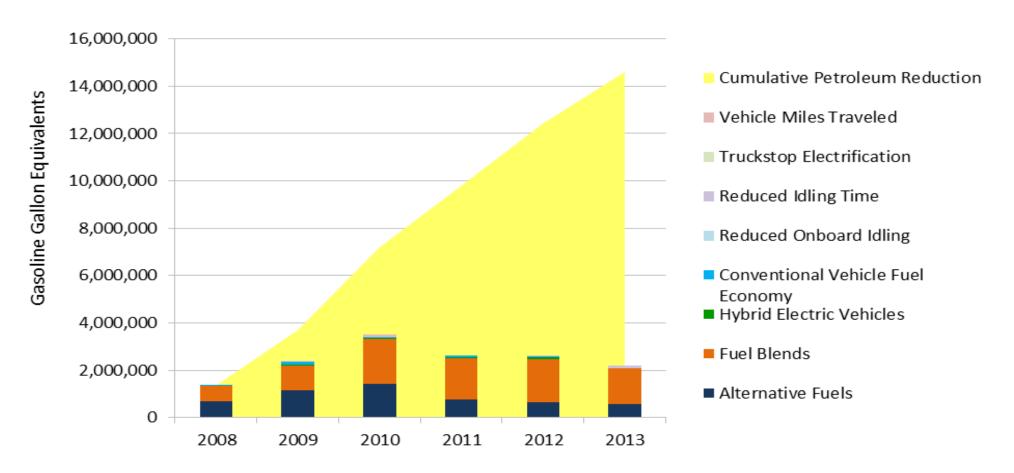
#### Annual Exemptions Requested and Granted Compared to Total AFV-Acquisition Requirement



#### Annual Credits Earned and Used



#### Petroleum Reductions Achieved by Alternative Compliance Strategy



MY2013 AC Efforts = 2.2m GGE of petroleum reduced from 10 fleets

MY2012 = over 2.6m GGE (13 fleets)

MY2011 = over 2.6m GGE (10 fleets)

MY2010 = over 3.4m GGE (12 fleets)

#### Collaboration and Coordination

- EPAct Workshops
  - Clean Cities and Federal Fleet Programs
- Clean Cities Programs
  - Regulatory Items
- Alternative Fuel Designation Petitions
  - Involves Reviews Cutting Across Various Programs
- Coordination with Fleets and Other Stakeholders to Facilitate Infrastructure Deployment
  - DOE Collaborating with Agencies, Industry, and Labs (Rulemaking, Hearings, Conferences, Other Outreach)

#### **Future Work**

- Additional Site Visits
- Regional EPAct Workshops
- Revision of Alternative Compliance Program
- Develop Online Compliance Tools
- Analyze Other Existing Fleets for Potential Coverage
- Implement EISA Section 133 Final Rule
- Develop Tool Kits for Best Practices
- GIS Analysis for Fleet Vehicles and Re-Fueling Infrastructure
- Documentation of Processes and Decisions
- Make Available Online Reporting for Additional Compliance Options

## Summary

- Objectives
  - Petroleum Reduction and Replacement
  - Deploy and Encourage Technology Acquisitions
  - Collect, Store, and Analyze Data
  - Encourage/Empower Fleets to Go Beyond Standard Compliance Requirements
  - Ensuring Compliance with Statutory Requirements

# Summary (Cont'd)

# Approach

- Careful Development of New Requirements
- Develop Flexible Approaches
- Extensive Outreach and Technical Assistance
- Analysis & Interpretive Rulings
- Documentation
- Online Tools and Decision Support

# Summary (Cont'd)

#### Results

- Compliance Rate of 100%
- Deployment of Various Vehicle Technologies Via Standard Compliance & Alternative Compliance
- 40-50 million GGE of Petroleum Replacement Per Year (Conservative Estimate)

#### Future Work

- Enhancing Flexibility
- Streamlining Program
- Continue Documenting Decisions and Processes
- Outreach
- Capturing Additional Covered Fleets